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AFFECTED BY INCIDENTS. IN PAST TEN DAYS, TREES WERE  
FELLED ACROSS ROAD ABOUT 1 1/2 HOUR EAST OF SUROBI AS  
WELL AS JUST WEST OF JALALABAD. AT LEAST THREE CARS  
HAVE BEEN AMBUSHED SEPARATELY INCLUDING ONE IN LAST  
THREE OR FOUR DAYS. JALALABAD  
THAT DRIVER OF LAST VEHICLE HAD BEEN WARNED BY INSUR-  
GENTS NOT TO VIOLATE CURF ON TRAFFIC THEY HAD IMPOSED.  
WHEN HE DID, HE WAS KILLED. DAMAGED BRIDGE OR CULVERT  
IS EAST OF SUROBI. APPARENTLY, DMHAGE FORCES TRAFFIC  
INTO ONE LAHN. OKINO. KHURNALISTS HAD REPORTED THIS  
EARLIER, I ASSUME SABOTAGE IS QUITE RECENT. All B1

4. (C) DISRUPTION OF ECLETRICITY IN JALALABAD IS  
REPORTEDLY THIRD INSTANCE SINCE SOVIET'S CHRISTMAS  
INVASION. RESIDENTS POWER HAD  
GONE OFF ON 16TH; IT HAD NOT BEEN RESTORED WHEN SHE  
LEFT ON 19TH. I ASSUME THAT PYLONS AFFECTED ARE THOSE  
WHICH PARALLEL MAIN ROAD FOR EIGHT MILES BETWEEN POWER  
HOUSE TO WEST AND CITY. IF SO, ONE WOULD ASSUME THAT  
CHORE OF GUARDING LINE WOULD ORDINARILY NOT BE TOO  
ONEROUS. THAT INSURGENTS HAVE HIT LINE THRICE IN  
THREE WEEKS THUS SUGGESTS EITHER INCREASED PROFICIENCY  
AT SABOTAGE OR BERY SHODDY PERFORMANCE FROM TROOPS ON  
GUARD.

5. (C) AT VILLAGE KAMA, INSURGENTS REPORTEDLY DES-  
TROYED PRIVATE HOUSE OF NANGARHAR GOVERNOR OV JAN. 16.  
JALALABAD RESIDENTS GOVERNOR HAD  
PLACE UNDER HEAVY GUARD AS SHOW OF FORCE AND ACTED AR-  
ROGANTLY WITH LOCALS. COMMENT: KAMA, EAST OF  
JALALABAD AND NORTH OF KABUL RIVER, IS TURF OF MOHAMAND  
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TRIBE. MOHMANDS HAVE BEEN ON WARPATH IN AREA FOR  
MONTHS.

6. (C) TRAVELLERS REPORTED AS LATE AS JAN. 15 ENCOUN-  
TERING AS FEW AS TWO CURSORY CHECKPOINTS BETWEEN KABUL  
AND TORKHAM. ON THE 19TH, HOWEVER, TO PASS THROUGH FIVE BETWEEN JALALABAD AND BORDER. AT  
EACH, CHECKING WAS THOROUGH.

7. ON JANUARY 17 FIRING FROM  
ARTILLERY OR TANKS WHICH SEEMED TO BE WITHIN THE JALALABAD

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CITY OR CANTONMENT LIMITS. HEAVY FIRING LASTED FROM 3:30 UNTIL 5:00 P.M. LOCAL RESIDENTS WERE BRACED FOR AN INSURGENT ATTACK ABOUT WHICH THEY HAD BEEN WARNED, BUT WHICH NEVER CAME OFF. COMMENT: MY INFORMANT, AS AN ADULT KABULI, HAS LIVED THROUGH FOUR SUCCESSFUL COUPS, AND A PASSEL OF OTHER FIRE FIGHTS. I WOULD THUS ACCEPT THAT SHE KNOWS FIRE FROM HEAVY GUNS. I ASSUME IT WAS OUTGOING ARTILLERY. PERHAPS A COPY OF THE HARRASSMENT AND INTERDICTION FIRE WE USED AGAINST THE VIET CONG.  
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